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WASHINGTON AP The S DDCI D/DCI/ NIO - The Senate Foreign Pelations Committee intends, to confront former CIA Director Richard M. Helms with apparent inconsistencies in his statements regarding domestic activities of the CIA, an aide to Sen. Cliffort P. Case. R. J., said today. Telms is scheduled to appear before the panel next week to explain a statement he made under oath in 1973 denying any knowledge that the CIA was ever involved in an effort to gather information on the EXEC 5 DDS&T DDI DDO DDM&S CIA was ever involved in an effort to gather information on the antiwar movement in the United States.

Helms told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday that the CIA enelyzed information on American radical groups during the 1960s in response to the express concern of the President, that there was a foreign influence behind domestic disturbances.

At a Feb. 7, 1973, Foreign Relations hearing, Helms was asked by Case if he knew tenything about any activity on the part of the CIA, in response to a White House request that all intelligence agencies join in the effort to learn as much as they could about the antiwar movement. D/CCI OSR OER C/OPS eap eur mea wh

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Helms replied, **I don't recall whether we were asked, but we were no involved because is seemed to me that was a clear violation of what our charter was. * *

Sen. John C. Stennis, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, said Thursday his staff has found ino substantial discrepancies; between the two statements.

However, Case has said on several occasions Helms was telling the truth at the 1972 hearing.

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REP. PAUL FINDLEY, R-ILL., TOLD THE HOUSE THURSDAY HE FELT HELMS. EFFECTIVENESS AS AMBASSADOR TO IRAN HAD BEEN COMPROMISED AND HELMS SHOULD REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES UNTIL HIS NAME HAD BEEN CLEARED OF ALLEGATIONS OF WRONGDOING DURING HIS TENURE AS DIRECTOR OF THE CIA. UPI Ø1-17 12:40 PES

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ADD 2 CIA, WASHINGTON SENATE DEMOCRATS WILL PROBABLY CREATE A SPECIAL WATERGATE-LIKE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE CIA AND OTHER U.S. IN

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AGENCIES, COMGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAID FRIDAY.

BUT SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD WAS NONCOMMITTAL ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF AN EXPECTED VOTE ON THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ISSUE THAT IS EXPECTED TO COME UP AT THE MONDAY MEETING OF THE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

BUT OTHER CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAID THEY WERE COUNTING NOSES AND THAT THE CHANCES APPEARED GOOD TO EXCELLENT THAT THE CAUCUS WOULD APPROVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE, SIMILIAR TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE HEADED BY SEN. SAM ERVIN, D-N.C., WHICH INVESTIGATED THE WATERGATE SCANDAL.

SEN. CHARLES MCC. MATHIAS, R-MD., PLANS TO REINTRODUCE HIS PROPOSAL, WHICH WOULD PROBABLY SERVE AS A MODEL, FOR A TWO-YEAR SELECT COMMITTEE WITH A BIPARTISAN MEMBERSHIP OF EIGHT.

AS CURRENTLY CONSTITUTED, THE MATHIAS' PROPOSAL, WHICH HAS THE BACKING OF MANSFIELD, WOULD BE COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE, JUDICIARY AND ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION.

SUCH A SPECIAL COMMITTEE, CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAID, WOULD EXAMINE CURRENT INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, NOT ONLY THE CIA, AND WOULD SEEK TO DETERMINE TO WHAT EXTENT SECRET OPERATIONS ARE VITAL TO AN OPEN SOCIETY AND HOW THEY COULD BE SANCTIONED WITHOUT VIOLATING CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES.

MANSFIELD, TALKING TO REPORTERS, ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE DEMOCRATS HAD AGREED TO ALLOW INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS TO BE CARRIED ON BY THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES WHICH CLAIM OVERSIGHT JURISDICTION OVER THE CIA.

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